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In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application, filed on July 14, 2006. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

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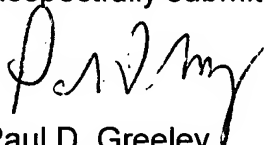
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It should be understood that attention has been called to the references that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application.

However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed references and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Greeley", written over the typed name.

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